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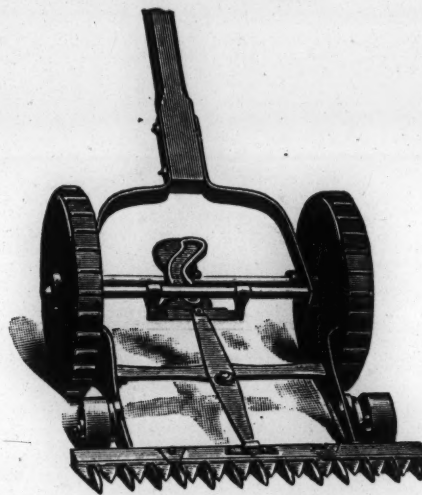
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Editorials.

THOSE of you who live South of Mason and Dixon's line who have travelled far and wide this Summer are now making your way back to your own firesides in these autumnal days. In your evening chats around the family circle will you bring up for their entertainment the oft expressed criticism in regard to your voices? Were you being constantly reminded of your "Southern voice and pronunciation," and what were the thoughts that those criticisms brought up to your mind? Blessed with a friendly climate, a good inheritance and unusually free from the necessarily pernicious influence of the foreigner in your speech, you Southerners have a great advantage over your less fortunate American neighbors, and should be thankful for your blessings, and in bearing them in mind strive to transmit to the rising generation around you "that gentleness of speech" which is so valuable in intercourse with one's fellow man.

THE OUTLOOK, for September 6th, gives a very timely account of the value of school property to the cities which own it. In many of our cities valuable school buildings are open from five or six hours for six days in the week for nine months in the year. The remaining time they are closed and absolutely unproductive property. It was estimated that in New York City buildings valued at over fifty-six millions dollars were occupied 1,080 hours and closed 7,680 hours. When this was brought to the attention of some public spirited citizens they set about for a plan to make use of this waste of a city plant. Evening schools were opened, which have since become a feature of the public school system of New York. Next a series of lectures to working men and women were given in the buildings. Then ten buildings were loaned to a charitable association to be used as vacation schools, in which manual and industrial training, nature study, kindergartening, and gymnastics were taught.

This work has now been incorporated into the city public system, and has been expanded into the use of school property for vacation playgrounds. The Public Education Association secured the loan of some of the school buildings, after much persuasion, for a meeting place for their organization of boys and girls clubs, and now there are immense plans ahead of New York for the use of its school property. This interesting article, by G. W. Wharton, is well worth the attention of all thoughtful citizens of any community, for its suggestions are applicable to small towns as well as large cities, and since Mayor Low has called upon his Board of Education to open the public school buildings to the people after school hours, on Saturdays, and Sundays for lectures, meetings and concerts, it is to be hoped that other communities seeing the immense practical value of this suggestion for municipal economy, may be induced to follow his wise and progressive ideas.

IN this number of "The Keystone" there is an interesting report from the Chairman of the Free Traveling Libraries of the South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs. This Traveling Library work is a part of every State Federation's work, unless it has grown to such proportions that the State has come to the relief of the progressive Club-women and relieved them of the responsibility of the work by forming a State Library Commission. Mr. Jno. T. Patrick of the Seaboard Air Line has in operation a magnificent line of social settlement work along that railroad, and not the least of this work is his great chain of Traveling Libraries under the management of that well-known Club-woman, Mrs. Eugene B. Heard, of Middleton, Ga. In June, 1891, the Washington State Federation of Women's Clubs, at its annual convention, had the satisfaction of hearing from its Traveling Library Committee that their work had advanced to such a condition that at the last Legislature its benefits were acknowledged and their system

was turned over and accepted by the State. A bill which created a commission to take charge of it, and appropriated \$2,000 for its maintenance, provided that one of the Commissioners should be elected by the State Federation of Women's Clubs. This election took place later on, and the President of the State Federation was elected as one of this Commission. All who are interested in the Free Traveling Library movement in America know of the model Traveling Libraries of Wisconsin, which are operated by the State Commission and under the direction and supervision of Miss Stearns, and the perfect system of New York State, with its headquarters in the State Library at Albany. These Library Commissions are growing in popularity in many other States, and are proving excellent practical promoters of the benefits of Free Libraries. These Commissions give advice concerning the organization and administration of Public Libraries, and in their yearly reports information is tabulated as to the progress of Library Extension in the State. In 1895 New Hampshire made the pioneer movement in passing a compulsory law obliging each town to provide a public Library. It may be interesting to give a brief outline of how these State Library Commissions set about their task. This body generally have the management of the State Library and use it as the centre of their work. The State University Library has often proven a good center for the Commission, which might be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, for a term of five years, one member being appointed each year. These Commissioners are seldom paid, and their work might be summed up as follows: Give advice and instruction in organization and administration, receive reports from all public libraries and render such in a condensed report of their own, manage the distribution of State aid to public Libraries and manage a system of Traveling Libraries.

"The Keystone" gives this little sketch of the possibilities of the Traveling Library movement among the Club-women. The practical good already accomplished by the South Carolina Traveling Library is being felt in many towns and hamlets. Club-women, and in fact all interested in offering opportunity for a literary up-lifting to their less fortunate fellow South Carolinians, are urged to co-operate with the State Federation in this noble work. "Books, books," is the cry, and now that the long winter evenings are coming on, the rural communities have time to read, give them this opportunity if they express the wish for it, and open up to them those delights which are not confined to any circle of society, the "Vision Beautiful" to be found in good books. Anyone can assist in this good work by donations of books to any Club or Club-woman in her neighborhood. These books can be easily put in the proper channels by the Club-women and the givers can never know how much pleasure they have sent out into the world. Old books are as acceptable as new ones, and simple, childish books are required in the work as well as those for older people, for whole families draw their supply of literature from these Libraries. The fairy tale, the cook book, the agricultural treatise, all find their places in the Federation Libraries by the side of the latest novel, the poems of Tennyson, and biographies of celebrated men and women. With these early fall days, and the putting to rights of your homes, this plea comes to you home-makers of South Carolina; can you not share some of your Library bounty with others less blessed than you?

NORTH CAROLINA is thoroughly alive to the benefits to be derived from an educational expansion. The women of the old North State have organized a State Association for the betterment of schoolhouses. Committees are distributing literature bearing on the subject and every effort is being made to arouse public interest in the necessity for beautifying school house and grounds.

THE North Carolina State Federation of Women's Clubs will hold its first annual convention at Winston-Salem, N. C., October 7, 8, 9. All the Presidents of Southern States Federations have been invited to be present. The program for this convention was printed in the October "Keystone."

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THE following young ladies are enjoying the Federation Scholarships this year:

Converse College.—Miss Guess of Denmark, Miss Christine Dillard of Spartanburg, and Miss Emma Ferguson of Laurens.

Winthrop College.—Of 55 applicants only six took examinations. Of these six, only one passed satisfactory examination, and this one, owing to the excellence of her paper, was given a State scholarship, which is more valuable.

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THE President of the Greenville College for Women presented to the South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs at their Convention in Spartanburg a scholarship of free tuition in that College for four academic years. Owing to a confusion of names this scholarship was not published in the list of scholarships the Federation offered July 11th and 12th. This scholarship is now open to all applicants outside of Greenville. For requirements and further particulars, apply to President A. S. Townes, Greenville College for Women, Greenville, S. C.

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The Traveling Libraries of the South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs.

THERE are sixty traveling libraries belonging to the Federation, which are constantly moving from place to place, bearing with them pleasure and instruction to many who would never see such books were it not for Women's Clubs. I should like to mention each library by name, giving also the name of the Club or individual contributing it, but I find this impossible just now, as I have only been Chairman of this department three months, and am not yet perfectly familiar with all the details of the work.

In writing this to "The Keystone" I am making a plea for more libraries. It is surprising to find how eager the people are for books. The sixty libraries do not begin to supply the demand. There are several applications on hand all the time, and many who are anxious for books often wait months before a library can be sent them. To small Clubs I will say that it is much easier to collect a traveling library of from fifty to one hundred volumes than one might think. I know by the experience of our own Club of ten in this little village. No one will refuse to give one book, and very likely will give two. Books are cheap now, and the proceeds of one simple entertainment will buy a good many nice ones. If I could publish some of the letters I receive from old and young, full of thanks and words of appreciation, you would all understand what a good work it is. Through the kindness of the railroad managers there is no transportation to pay, as they generously haul these cases anywhere in the State, from mountain to seaboard, free of charge. We cannot too fully appreciate their kindness.

The library given by Miss Poppenheim, and known as the Louisa Poppenheim Library, is now in Edgefield, S. C., awaiting the completion of a suitable case, when it will start out on its rounds. It is a good library, and has some splendid books for young people and children, which all these libraries should have.

The library collected from the different Clubs of the State, by Mrs. Coleman, for the Charleston Exposition, is filled altogether with books by Southern writers, and is now in charge of Mrs. M. F. Ansel, of Greenville.

A letter from Mrs. Ida Lining, Chairman of Kindergarten Department of the Federation tells me that she has a library which will be ready to ship October 1st. She will present it to the Federation.

I earnestly hope other Clubs will follow her example, for by so doing they will aid in a good and noble work.

Mrs. Lining's case will make sixty-one; who will give us the sixty-second case?

MRS. J. B. HALTIWANGER,
Chairman Library Extension S. C. F. W. C.

A Valuable Gift to the South Carolina Federation.

MISS ANNA E. WOOD, Secretary to Miss Sarah P. Brigham of the Lend a Hand Circle of Boston, while on a visit to Charleston this spring, became very much interested in that locality and was most anxious to place one of her libraries in that section. Miss Brigham had given some valuable assistance in the upper part of the State some time before through Mrs. M. W. Coleman of Seneca. Upon Miss Wood's return to Boston late last June she shipped a beautiful Library of 47 new volumes to Miss Louisa B. Poppenheim in Charleston, telling her to use it for the good of the State, expressing a desire that it should circulate in the lower part of the State and in places where books are scarce. This library is now in Charleston and will be ready for shipment after October 1st. Any Club or community in the vicinity of Charleston desiring this library may have the use of it by applying to Mrs. J. B. Haltiwanger, Edgefield, S. C., Chairman of South Carolina Federation Traveling Libraries. Following is a list of books in this library, which may be considered a model library:

1, Dickens' Child's History of England; 2, Life of Franklin; 3, Pushing to the Front; 4, Zig-Zag Journey Around the World; 5, Tom Brown at Rugby; 6, Five Little Peppers; 7, Little Men, Louisa Alcott; 8, Little Women, Louisa Alcott; 9, Donovan; 10, Merle's Crusade; 11, Barbara Heathcote's Trial; 12, Adam Bede, George Eliot; 13, David Copperfield, Chas. Dickens; 14, Ivanhoe, Walter Scott; 15, Robinson Crusoe; 16, In His Name; 17, Longfellow's Poems; 18, Dickens' Christmas Carol; 19, In His Steps; 20, Beside the Bonny Briar Bush, Crockett; 21, Kept for the Master's Use; 22, Rollo in Paris; 23, Rollo in London; 24, Rollo in Rome; 25, Rollo in Switzerland; 27, True to the Old Flag; 28, White Wolfe in Canada; 29, Chatterbox; 30, Life of George Washington; 31, Black Rock; 32, The Wooing O't; 33, Last Days of Pompeii; 34, Robert Falconer; 35, Greek Heroes; 36,

Fairyland of Science; 37, Gates Ajar; 38, Schonberg Cotta Family; 39, The Greatest Thing in the World; 40, Pleasant Land of Play; 41, Tom Brown at Oxford; 42, Wm. Henry and His Friends; 43, Lucy and Her Wonderful Globe; 44, Friends and Helpers; 45, Life of Alfred the Great; 46, The Lion of the North; 47, The Young Colonies.

THE Chairman of the Musical Committee wants, through the columns of "The Keystone," to help those students of music who are striving to do better work and reach higher ideals than ever before. There are many women who, though they have had few or no musical advantages, love music, and who sing or play for their own pleasure and that of their families. It is to such readers that the suggestions of this musical column are made.

Therefore, ye music teachers and you cultured musicians, who know all about the matter, don't read these suggestions then contemptuously remark, "why on earth don't that writer, if she is going to discourse on music, tell us something we don't know? It is a waste of time to read things we learned so long ago we have forgotten when we did not know them."

Now you have been warned; don't disparage my efforts to help those who do not know as much as you do.

To women who under adverse circumstances are trying to improve themselves musically I would suggest the advantages of belonging to a musical club. Not necessarily one formed of accomplished musicians who meet only to perform good music. That has its advantages which cannot be over estimated. Never neglect an opportunity to hear good music. But a club which would be found very beneficial to you would be one formed of music-lovers like yourself, who have learned only the rudiments or have even had no training in the art.

Invest in one or two first-class musical magazines and as many good books on the subject, written by competent musical professors, as you can buy. To all of these give earnest, careful study. You will find them very helpful. One important item I would have you bear constantly in mind; select only good music; it is not necessarily difficult music. The greatest masters have expressed some of their loveliest thoughts in pieces of simple execution, whose beauty lie in their meaning, and is brought out in the expression given them by the player. Some of the beautiful songs without words are examples of this kind of music.

Upon singers, above all others, I would urge the necessity of beauty of meaning in their selections. The most exquisite vocalization accompanied by frivolous words or music fails to touch the soul, while the theme of "Some humble poet whose song gushed from his heart," especially if the setting be worthy of the song, hath power to "Still the tumult or make the tear drops start."

A very helpful feature of such a musical club might be suggestions from the members as to points wherein the singer or performer might make some improvement in execution. Such suggestions, however, must be made in a very tender way, with absolutely no spirit of criticism, else they would best not be made at all. Above all else in a musical club, should perfect harmony prevail and discords not appear.

Study the lives as well as the works of great composers and singers. There is inspiration in learning of trials overcome, of discouragements conquered, of something accomplished.

Treat your art as something holy. Even the angels express their worship and their love in song, and the grand harmony of the universe is named the music of the spheres.

LULAH AYER VANDIVER.

Anderson, S. C.

Trenton.

THE ENTRE NOUS CLUB, of Trenton, held its first meeting this fall at the residence of its President, Miss Addie Hughes, Tuesday afternoon, September 2d. This meeting was an informal one, and closed with a beautiful luncheon, the decorative scheme being pink and silver. Covers were laid for ten, and among the guests of honor was Miss Louisa B. Poppenheim, Corresponding Secretary of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB of Johnston's held a special meeting on Tuesday, September 9th, at the residence of Mrs. J. H. White. An interesting program, consisting of vocal and instrumental selections by Misses Nina Outz, Miss Andrews, Mrs. J. H. White, Mrs. Latimar, Miss Sawyer, and Mrs. Parker, together with literary papers by Mrs. P. N. Lott and Mrs. Cobb, completed the regular exercises of the afternoon. The Club-women had invited the Mary Ann Bowie Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy to be their guests on this occasion, and they, with Miss Lonisa Poppenheim, Corresponding Secretary of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, and Miss Mary Poppenheim, Chairman of the Historical Committee of the S. C. Division of U. D. C., enjoyed the graceful hospitality of their Club-women hostesses. The entertainment closed with an elaborate collation, covers being laid for 50 guests. The table in the shape of a four-leafed clover was attractively decorated with cut flowers and ferns and the Club colors, pink and brown. Each guest carried away as a souvenir of the afternoon a dainty little boutenniere and very pleasant recollections of the charming hospitality of Johnston's Club-women. The New Century Club, although organized on purely literary lines, is doing splendid work in branching out in civics, as will be shown by the following.

OUR housekeepers were in a dilemma as to just what to do with the accumulation of trash that comes from no one knows where, but every day it is there; over the house, around the front door, and in the back yard. If swept in a pile it is an unsightly affair; we are not allowed to throw it on the street, and so it remained, an elephant on our hands, until the New Century Club solved the problem. A committee was appointed to appeal to the Mayor. This committee congratulated the Mayor upon the neat streets and sidewalks, called attention to an oversight, a collection of tin cans, papers, etc., allowed to accumulate on some of our side streets, and asked that receptacles for this accumulated matter be placed on all of our streets, and that it be removed from our town at stated periods. As might be expected from a courteous and obliging Southern gentleman we received this reply:

JOHNSTON'S, S. C., September 4th, 1902.

Committee, New Century Club.—Your communication received and contents noted. Please accept our thanks for your congratulations, as well as your suggestions, which we have endeavored to carry out. We shall be glad to have you make us suggestions any time that you may deem it wise to do so.

Yours very truly,

L. B. ASBELL, Mayor.

C. H. HUSLIN, Clerk.

It will be a great pleasure, as well as a profit to all, if our Clubs will from time to time tell us what they are doing.

CORA S. LOTT.

THE Ladies' Benevolent Society and the Associated Charities of Columbia have taken the final legal steps toward consolidation. Henceforth they will be called the Associated Charities and Ladies' Benevolent Society of Columbia, S. C.

A Rare Opportunity.

MR. O'HAGAN, while abroad this Summer, picked up a variety of beautiful Antiques in London. He found a Grandfather's clock, sheratoa and claw, and ball chairs for dining room sets of eight, solid mahogany dining and dressing tables, clawfoot sofas, corner china closets, (inlaid), cheval and mantel mirrors, etc. Will be pleased to show his customers after October 1.

ATTENTION is called to the advertisement of Panknin's Neural, which appears in this issue of "The Keystone." The late Dr. C. F. Panknin was so well and favorably known in South Carolina that any medical preparation bearing his name carries with it a guarantee of excellence. Women who are suffering from headache will find great relief in this medicine prepared by so well known a chemist.

The Rose in October.

O late and sweet, too late, too late!
 What nightingale will sing to thee?
 The empty nest, the shivering tree,
 The dead leaves by the garden gate,
 The cawing crows will for thee wait,
 O sweet and late!

Where wert thou when the soft June nights
 Were faint with perfume, glad with song?
 Where wert thou when the days were long,
 And steeped in summer's young delights?
 What hop'st thou now but checks and slights,
 Brief days, lone nights?

Stay, there's a gleam of winter wheat
 Far on the hill; down in the woods
 A very heaven of stillness broods;
 And through the mellow sun's noon heat,
 Lo, tender pulses round thee beat,
 O late and sweet!

SELECTED.

Out of the Shadows.

[BY REBECCA LINLEY FRIPP.]

NIGHT had stolen silently over the world. Even as I watched the last faint light in the zenith, the stars flashed out. The grassy bank whereon I rested was wet with the chill night dews. Still I lay there motionless, with my hands clasped rigidly over my head, gazing up into the abyss of heaven—living it all over, again and again. There was so little of it, and yet, it was *all—all!*

With unutterable tenderness memory lingered round the faint beginnings of what was now past and gone forever. I remembered how I had singled her out from a group of fair and happy girls as the fairest and the happiest of all. Our eyes met, and I saw the wild rose tint of her cheek deepen under my earnest gaze—deepen and fade, even as her love had deepened and faded. Love was a light thing with her, a passing fancy. But, O, my dream was sweet! Could I guess that those colors of Heaven were reflected from a shallow heart, that had no depth of constancy beneath? Was it prophecy that made me liken her to the wild rose, the fairest and the sweetest blossom that ever God gave to earth, and—the frailest? Someone introduced us, and I have a confused memory of the rich perfume of roses, of misty, floating drapery, of a soft little hand that rested in mine for an instant, and of that wild rose face, half child, half woman, that lured me to my doom.

After that I lived for her, breathed for her, worked for her, with all the passionate hope and strength of youth.

Many and many a time, in the sunset hour, when the day's task was ended, we would slip down the river, away from the world of reality, into the glory of gold and silver—of flashing topaz and ruby—brilliant as that future into which our lives were drifting. When the shadows fell over the water, soft and sweet rang out her voice—soft and sweet, so that sometimes I fancied only my heart could hear—"All night my beloved, I waken and dream"—while her little fingers on the guitar kept time to the dip of the oars.

It is more than I can bear! Have the devils in hell, I wonder, any torment more accursed than the memory of happy days! With a great effort, I stand erect. My clothes are heavy with the night dews. My brow, too, is tense, and beaded with great drops—not the wholesome dews of heaven, but the bloody sweat of agony and conflict.

I cannot stay here and go mad. Almost without my own volition I am suddenly in my boat, and my strong arms send her shooting over the water as lightly as some feathered thing. I cannot think, I cannot see, black night without and blacker night within! Yet the boat glides on unerringly. Too often, in that dead and buried past, have I floated down the river, and rowed back against the current. But I was not alone, and the air was musical with tender notes of love, or freighted with a silence sweeter than aught else. Will memory always mock me thus? Shall I never forget?

There is the tiny landing that I made, just beyond that curve, where the great willows droop over the river. I will stop a moment and mock myself with the vision of a little

figure, waiting and listening for the dip of my oars, even though I know that in all the days of all the years to be, she will never, never come again to meet me.

I am almost there. But what is this! A blaze of torches, flaming, flickering, failing,—flaming again, far out over the water—a confusion of happy voices—laughter, song, and jest, ripples and peals of merriment. Ah, now I remember! It is a boating party, and Norma is one of them, doubtless the gayest of the gay. I promised to be here, to meet *him*, my successor in her fickle heart. I would not have her guess my misery and gloat over it. No, I bore it off right gayly, and we parted lightly. I told her, "no, indeed," I would never be jealous of "her Hal," "I was glad to know that his coming made her happy." I am sorry I forgot, but it is too late now.

I glided silently under the shadow of the willows. In a few moments they would be gone, and I would go back the way I came, alone.

Suddenly I heard a voice quite near me. It was Norma's, and in the fringe of the deep shadow I made out her boat. There were only two in it, and I strained my eyes in a vain effort to see her companion. A faint whisper floated to me. "There! Keep still till they're off. They won't miss us in the dark. I *must* have you to myself, dear."

"Dear!" So it had come to that already. God help us! What manner of serpents are these women whom we nurture in our hearts?

The boat had vanished down the river, and Norma spoke again.

"Hal, darling, you don't mind, do you? I couldn't share you with anyone so soon. They'll never guess that we did it on purpose. If Arthur had come, now,—"

O, Hal, do you remember the day I left school? I promised to love you, and you only, forever and ever; but you'll forgive me, won't you sweetheart? Kiss your own little Norma."

Wormwood and ashes—gall and bitterness! The brazen, two-faced devil! I ground my teeth in delirious frenzy. At that moment I could have clenched my hand around her throat and held her under the water until she was dead—dead—dead!

A low laugh floated to me, and a second voice.

"Norma, dear, we were only romantic children then; we couldn't understand *this*. We will love each other now better than ever before."

So they could laugh at my poor, foolish dream. Well, joy go with them. I was well rid of my Delilah.

I had only one thought—to get away! Reason had forsaken me. With the full strength of tense and practiced muscles, I bent to the oars, and my boat shot across the shadow like an arrow from the bow. A startled scream pierced the night air, and then shriek after shriek of wildest alarm. "O, Hal, Hal, Hal!"

I had run down the boat that held my false love and her lover. I was sober in an instant, and in less time than it takes to tell it, I had dragged Norma into my boat—she had somehow managed to cling to the bottom of the other.

"O, Arthur, Arthur!" she wailed, "Save Hal—my darling Hal is drowning."

"Let him drown then," I muttered, all the demons in me alive at the hated name.

"O, save her," she entreated, almost shoving me overboard. "O, Hal, Hal, where are you?"

"Here I am," said a cool voice at our side. "Help me in, please. Didn't you know I could swim, Norma?"

And we helped *her* in, at the imminent risk of capsizing the boat. She caught the other boat and took it in tow. As for me, all I could do was to look at *her* stupidly, like the idiot I am. She returned my gaze with interest; this self-possessed young lady, evidently wondering where Norma had picked up such a remarkable specimen of the genus homo.

Norma introduced us in characteristic style. "O, Hal," she said, twining her dripping arms around my neck, "This is Arthur—he came after all—you know all about him. Wasn't it lucky he came just as our boat upset? What upset it, anyhow? We're going to be married next June. You ought to have heard me trying to tease him about you yesterday. It

wasn't a bit of use. You can't tease Arthur. He just laughed at me."

My arm was around her too, by this time. The moon was on the horizon and there was light enough to see each other's faces. My tongue seemed tied, and beyond a few commonplaces, not a word could I find. That confounded college girl kept looking at me as if I were some new kind of animal, just from the antipodes. She was trying to class me, and I think she succeeded.

Of course there was nothing to do but to take the girls home. Afterwards I rowed down the river to let the rest of the party know what had become of them.

Coming back the enchantment of the moon was on the river. The bank where I had lain in the shadow an hour or two before, lay fair and peaceful before me, bathed in heavenly light. It was in vain that I tried to realize the anguish I had endured, the numb, dazed day, when I had gone about my work as usual, the oppression, the blank horror of the night—they had slipped away from me, thank God, beyond recalling.

Sweet was the memory of those wet arms 'round my neck, and sweeter still the music of those words: "We're going to be married next June."

"Audrey" to Be Dramatized.

THE dramatisation of Miss Mary Johnston's "Audrey," her latest and best story, a dramatisation in which Mr. E. F. Boddington and Miss Harriet Ford have collaborated, will be presented this fall first to the consideration of the people of the Southern states, with whom the gifted authoress has always made her home, and of whom she is one by birth and inheritance.

Messrs. Liebler & Co., to whose management Miss Johnston has committed this undertaking, have considered it but meet and proper that this course of procedure be pursued, for to postpone the visit to the South until after the inauguration of the New York run means a postponement certainly until another season, and possibly for two. Such a postponement it was thought would not be showing the consideration and respect due that section of the country with which Miss Johnston's life and fame have been identified, and in which section her stories have all been located.

Hence it has been decided that "Audrey" will have its initial presentation at the Academy of Music, in Richmond, Virginia, about November 15th, and from that point a brief tour of the leading Southern cities will be made.

The preservation of the atmosphere of the story has been most earnestly sought by the dramatists, the handling has all been of a delicately artistic nature, and these ideas will be carried out in every scene in the stage setting and in the costuming of the play. The production will be an elaborate one, not perhaps in gilt and tinsel, and bold show, but in all that artistic taste and real merit demands, and in the selection of cast no thought will be permitted to enter save fitness and supreme excellence in capacity.

Messrs. Liebler & Co. expect to make of "Audrey" one of the notable productions of the year. They have great confidence in the dramatic material the story presents, and believe that if it be but properly handled and properly cast it will appeal to the public as a peculiarly charming and wholly delightful play, and particularly with the people of the South should its peculiar merits find favor, for it is in the atmosphere of the South that its characters dwell and with its memories that the plot of the play has to deal.

Due notice of the route will be given, and as soon as prepared for publication, a synopsis of scenes and a complete cast will be mailed to dramatic editors. The opening date at Richmond is as yet a trifle indefinite, but it will be on or about the 17th of November next.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury.

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

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Harmony May Banish Hospitals.

MUSIC is the latest panacea. Nobody yet claims that an application of Mendelssohn has set a broken leg, but they do say that harmony skilfully laid on has proved valuable in pretty nearly every other portion of the medical field.

The chief apostle of the musical method of treating disease is Miss Eva A. Vescelius, who has a harmony hospital out at Forest Hill, on the outskirts of Newark.

"Wherever you find disease," says Miss Vescelius, "you find discord—man working against nature, not with it. He has set the wrong vibrations going by anger, by fear or by other negative emotion, and thus drawn to him all the discordant vibrations about him. What we must do is to get him back into harmonious relations with the conditions which surround him. We must set the right vibrations going.

"Music has a wonderful way of doing this. Only do not play the wrong note. First we must find out the key in which the man is written; then sound forth the melody in that key. Any other will only add to the discord. Great sympathy and discerning power are necessary. If the vibrations are attuned to the listener, he is rested, calmed, his fever abates and he falls into the slumber which restores.

"Sometimes he needs rousing, and then I use the music of power, of passion, to send vibrations of energy through his being. The ancient Egyptians combined music with medicine, and the Greeks learned from them to do the same. Apollo was called 'the Healer,' and those who learned of him cured disease with music.

"Singularly enough," she adds, "mechanical music will accomplish nothing. The music box, the automatic piano or harp is absolutely worthless. There must be the quality that we call soul, sympathy, expression; and the more intuitive and penetrative the observer, the more effective will be his effort to re-establish harmonious conditions in the sufferer."

Dr. J. Leonard Corning, of this City, has invented an ingenious apparatus for this purpose. A hood of canvas or soft leather is put over the head, with apertures for the ears, which protrude more or less prominently. Then each of the ears is covered with a metallic saucer, connected with the rubber tubes from a phonograph, the music that is attuned to your peculiar nature having been selected and provided in the form of wax record cylinders. With the aid of a monotonous story you will go to sleep, even with this thing on your head. Apollo will then collaborate with Morpheus. You won't hear the music, but it will do you all the more good, and you will wake refreshed and invigorated as sure as you awake at all. You will note that the objection to the mechanical instruments does not apply to the phonograph. That is merely a waxen record of the soul put into the music by a master hand.

Dr. Corning says: "As music acts upon the central nervous system, the participation of consciousness is not essential. Sleep is the resting place of consciousness."

Soothing music is recommended for the excited, stimulating music for the melancholic or torpid; simple harmonies for those suffering from insomnia. In experiments at Ward's Island it was found that Beethoven's "Funeral March" tranquilized a violent lunatic, and noticeably reduced a pulse of 120 degrees. A disorder is cured by precisely the same thing that would produce the same disorder if applied to a person in normal condition.

Another wild lunatic became quite sensible and coherent when subjected to a Chopin nocturne. Then an application of "Old Folks at Home" was tried, followed by "Home, Sweet Home." All traces of nervousness disappeared. Still another insane patient was excited by "The Harp That Once Through Tara's Hall's," but soon subsided under the strains of "Kathleen Mavourneen."

Selections from Wagner are effective in nervous complaints probably on the theory of homœopathy. The "Pilgrim's Chorus," from Tannhauser, holds the record in the relief of wearied and worried humanity.—Exchange.

What Women are Doing in Germany.

THROUGH the courtesy of Mrs. Cynthia Westover, the President-General of the International Sunshine Society, "The Keystone" is able to publish the following interesting letter from Germany:

Frau Dr. Ichenheuer, who is Chairman of the German Press Committee of Women's Clubs, said in an interview with an American woman, the other day as follows:

The chief events of the past winter in the Woman Question were the proceedings in the German Parliaments on behalf of the higher education of women and of their right to participate in political party meetings. Our chief wishes to reform the general education of girls, to allow colleges for girls with the same courses as those of boys, and to admit women on equal terms with men to the universities have been discussed in the Imperial Parliament as well as in the Prussian Diet. Though the discussions have not furthered any practical result, only a few reforms having been granted, the fact, that not alone the liberal, but even the conservative parties and the Minister of Education confirmed that the righteous demand of women for better education has increased, and that the schools will be obliged to fulfill these demands is to be considered as a great progress. Even the Minister could not deny their right and ability for college and university education, he only wants to substitute for girls, colleges with much shorter courses than those of boys, in order to prevent the parents from sending their daughters earlier than 15 or 16 years to college; he further considers their admission to the universities as a matter of course, his conservative heart can solely not agree with our demand to admit them on equal terms with men. As to the other question concerning women, equally much discussed in both Parliaments in the last session, the political "Vereinsrecht," that means the right of women to attend meetings of political societies, you know from my first letter, that the women of most German States, including Prussia, do not possess it. It happened especially last year so often that political meetings were broken up by the police because women attended them, that a good deal of indignation was aroused against this retrograde law. Though all that, the only practical result of various petitions of our National Council and many other not affiliated Societies and the discussions on them in the Parliaments, was a decree from the Prussian Minister v. Hammerstein that women are allowed to attend meetings of political societies, if seated separate from men.

In the campaign on the tariff question women were taking an active part, and often even as party representatives.

The greatest success was the hand-book on the Women Question ("Handbuch der Frauenbewegung") edited by Helen Lange and Gertrude Bäumer, which appeared at W. Moeser, Berlin S. It contains the first reliable history of the Woman's Movement in Germany, interesting sketches of the Woman's Movement in all other civilized states, a most valuable work on Social Reform, on the Workingwomen's movement, Industrial and Moral Reform, Law, Peace, Temperance and all questions concerning women. It is an excellent book in four big volumes, the name of the senior editor, Helen Lange, the Treasurer of the International Council, gives the best guarantee for it, and it is an excellent book of reference for abroad.

ELIZA ICHENHEUER.

Of Interest to Audubons.

THE "Life of Audubon," by Mr. John Burroughs, issued by Small, Maynard & Co., is a book that all admirers of Audubon will enjoy and appreciate. To the fellow-feeling of one naturalist for another, Mr. Burroughs adds the qualification of a critical faculty, already made known in his "Walt Whitman, a Study." Now he wins fresh laurels by writing about the great delineator of birds in the delightfully sympathetic spirit which has always marked his writings about the birds themselves. This new little volume is one which no one of the large and growing army of bird lovers can afford to overlook.

American Women.

PROFESSOR MUNSTERBERG, of Harvard, in his criticism of American Women, made the following remarks which may prove interesting to the readers of "The Keystone:"

"And one group attracts our attention the most keenly—the college bred woman. There are beautiful and brilliant and clever and energetic women the world over, but the college girl is a new type to us, and, next to the twenty-four story-buildings, nothing excites our curiosity more than the women who have studied. Some, to be sure, mingle with their curiosity certain objections on principle. They remember that the woman has some grains less of brain substance than the man, and that every woman who has learned Greek is considered a grotesque bluestocking. But even he who is most violently prejudiced is first reconciled, and then becomes enthusiastic. He wanders in vain through the colleges to find the repulsive creature he expected, and the funny picture of the German comic papers changes slowly into an enchanting type by Gibson. And when he has made good use of his letters of introduction, and has met these new creations at closer range, has chatted with them before cosy open fires, has danced and bicycled and golfed with them, has seen their clubs and meetings and charities—he finds himself discouragingly word-poor when he endeavors to describe, with his imperfect English, the impression that has been made upon him; he feels that his vocabulary is not sufficiently provided with complimentary epithets. The American woman is clever and ingenious and witty; she is brilliant and lively and strong; she is charming and beautiful and noble; she is generous and amiable and resolute; she is energetic and practical, and yet idealistic and enthusiastic—indeed, what is she not?

"And when we are in our own country once more, we of course play the reformer, and join heartily the ranks of those who fight for the rights of women and for their higher education. I have myself stood in that line. Some years ago, at the moment of my first visit to America, the problem of women and the universities was much discussed in Germany. and about one hundred university professors were asked for their opinions, which were published in a volume entitled "The Academic Woman." And when I sat down to furnish my own contribution to this subject, there appeared before my grateful imagination the lovely pictures of the college yards which I had seen from New England to California; I saw once more the sedate library halls where the fair girls in light colored gowns radiated joy and happiness; I saw before me the Ivy procession of the Smith College students; I saw again the most charming theatrical performance I have ever enjoyed, the "Midsummer Night's Dream," given by Wellesley students on a spring day in the woods by the lake; I saw once more the eager students in cap and gown in front of Pembroke Hall, at Bryn Mawr, and I saw once more the Radcliffe Philosophy Club where we prolonged our discussions through so many delightful evenings. A German Wellesley and Bryn Mawr, I exclaimed, a German Smith and Vassar, that is the pressing need of our Fatherland! My enthusiastic article was reprinted and quoted in the discussions up and down the land; thus I found myself suddenly marching in line with the friends of woman's emancipation; and I was proud that I—the first one in my German university to do so—had admitted women as regular students into my laboratory, years before I came to America."

THE Christian Temperance Worker, an eight page monthly published at Spartanburg, S. C., by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of South Carolina, has recently been received among our exchanges. It is a neat, well-prepared little paper, and will be of invaluable service to the members of the W. C. T. U. in South Carolina. The Editors of this new journalistic enterprise in our State are Mrs. E. S. Herbert, Mrs. Joel E. Brunson and Mrs. J. H. White, and the business manager Miss J. V. Smith of Spartanburg. The paper merits the support of all interested in the Temperance movement in South Carolina.

The Daughters of the Confederacy.

A NEW Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy was organized at Due West, S. C., on Friday, September 5th. Mrs. J. E. Braczeale, a prominent Daughter of the Confederacy, of Anderson, officiated at the organization. The new Chapter will be accorded a hearty welcome into the South Carolina Division, and will find work ready for its hands and hearts to undertake.

Confederate Song Book.

THE following interesting letter has just been received by the Editor of the "Keystone," from the compiler of the Confederate Song Book, which is now being sold for the benefit of the Jefferson Davis monument fund:

Savannah, Ga., 11 Pury Street.

DEAR MISS P—:

I mailed to your address this evening a copy of Confederate Song Book, as requested in yours of the 8th. Many thanks for sample copy of "Keystone," which is well gotten up and contains some very good articles.

The publishing of this book was at my own expense, and the Reunion of Confederate Veterans in your City suggested the idea of such publication, for after enjoying the grand chorus at the Auditorium, which reminded us of the old Southern songs we loved to hear, a brother Veteran hunted the town with me to get a book like this one as a souvenir, but none were for sale. I had been collecting them from time to time, so decided just before the Reunion in Savannah in 1899 to publish. Gotten up very hurriedly, at the last moment some errors were overlooked until too late to correct, as for instance, "Lord, God of Hosts, Be With Us Yet," etc., is printed, "O, Lord of Hosts, etc., which Kipling did not say.

The book has just paid for itself, so now I am able to offer 50 per cent. to the Chapters for the Monument Fund to President Jefferson Davis. Let us all go to work, for each member of the good Daughters of the Confederacy should have a copy, and surely each one could get a friend to take a 25c book for such a cause. At a bazaar in Charlotte, N. C., the ladies working to help the old soldiers, sold these books at 35c per copy—they made the people buy.

That monument must be paid for and we are the ones to do it now, so the future generations shall know the South loved their first and only President of the Confederacy. Prince Henry on his recent visit to this country placed a laurel wreath on Lincoln's tomb and one on Grant's. Let us have the monument to our noble President, so that the future Prince Henries will be able to honor our illustrious dead.

I trust you will get me some orders and thus help the cause.

Yours truly,

M. C. KOLLOCK.

The One Thing Lacking.

ONE can not avoid the conclusion that more of our young men ought to prepare for industrial and commercial careers, says the Biblical Recorder. Only a few can be professional men. Many must be manufacturers, buyers and sellers and workers. Let them be intelligent, trained, educated. One cannot forget the young men who have been lost to life by aiming vaguely at some calling regarded as higher when success awaited them in an industrial career. Many a boy has received a higher education that prepared him for life in general, and holding himself above the shop and the market and low wages, has found at length his only hope of a living in teaching school, with not a spark of the teaching sense in his heart. Many a father has given a son a higher education only to find him aimless in a busy world at the end of four years.

But let it not be forgotten that these young men did not suffer because of their higher education, but rather because they were not also particularly prepared. The fault lies not on the one, but in lack of the other. The one thing to do is to properly combine the general education with the special training.—*Southern Educational Notes.*

Receipts Which Have Been Tried.

OYSTERS ON CRACKERS.—Spread crackers with butter and brown in the oven, then sprinkle with salt and pepper, cover each cracker with oysters, and put in the oven again till the oysters are plump. A little cream may be put in the dish before the second baking, but the juice of the oysters will moisten the crackers slightly. Strips of toast may be substituted for the crackers. *Maitre d'hotel* butter may be spread over the oysters just before serving.

PANNED IN CHAFING DISH.—Use one ounce of butter to each dozen or each half pint of oysters, season with salt and paprika, and add one-fourth of a cup of cream as the oysters begin to curl. A teaspoon of flour may be cooked in the butter before adding the oysters. Mushrooms, chopped celery, or sweetbreads are often combined with oysters prepared in this way.

FRIED OYSTERS.—Select good sized oysters, and parboil lightly, drain, and wipe dry on a towel. Then dip in a thin batter of egg, milk, and flour, or in egg and crumbs, and fry in deep fat. When done they rise toward the top of the fat. Or they may be sautéed in a small quantity of fat.

Sometimes the parboiled oysters are dipped in a rich, highly seasoned sauce, and chilled before rolling in the egg and crumbs.

CROUSTADES.—A whole loaf of bread, or sections cut in fancy shapes, or rolls, may be filled with creamed or panned oysters and served immediately. Or the oysters may be seasoned and put in the loaf, which is then baked again and basted with oyster liquor till the oysters inside are cooked.—

American Kitchen Magazine.

HERE is a receipt for cleansing delicate laces which an old lace-maker who has woven many a gossamer web for the great connoisseur and lover of laces, Madame Mojeska, gave to her pupil and patron: Spread the lace out on paper, cover with calcined magnesia, place another paper over it, and put it away between the leaves of a book for two or three days. Then all it needs is a skillful little shake to scatter the powder, and its delicate threads are as fresh and clean as when first woven. This being a lace season, "he who runs may read."—*Good Housekeeping.*

THERE is a splendid illustration of the formation of character in the stratification of the great coal measures of the world. A leaf fell here, a bullrush there, into the yielding mass of leaves and rush which had fallen before, and these leaves and rushes are the coal of to-day in which we can trace their fibres and threads. "Every word of our lips, every step of our feet, every vision of our fancy, all together might be looked upon as we look upon so many dancing leaves in an Autumn gale, tossed thither, tossed hither, rising now, floating now, but in the end all falling to the ground, all soaked together in a cold, clammy mass by the dews and rains of successive nightfalls, all melted together at last in the heat of trial, and crowded together under the pressure of adversity, and cooled together in the winters of desolation, till in the end they mark the rock we call character. One has only to tap this rock as a minerologist taps a block of coal, and he shall find the fibres and the tissues—nay, the microscopic cell and the fine down of the leaf as if it fell only yesterday. Every vision, each emotion, every thought, each step, have combined in the processes of human life to make up character." EXCHANGE.

IT is interesting to learn that Mrs. E. G. Kidd, the owner of the famous "Pin Money" pickles of Virginia, has been so successful in her business venture that she has been able to buy back the estate which her husband lost through the devastating effects of the War between the States.

"I HAVE just received 'The Keystone.' I congratulate you. It must be very attractive and very valuable to all Club-women, North and South." CAROLINE P. THOMAS.

University Grounds, Columbus, Ohio.

(Author of *Esther Hill's Housemaid.*)

MISSISSIPPI FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

This Department is official, and will be continued monthly.
Conducted by Mrs. Josie Frazee Cappleman, President of the Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs.

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A Greeting.

[To the Members of the M. F. W. C.]

A greeting, Club-friends, one and all,
To-day I give to you:
Again we gather, side by side,
Our labors to renew.

May each one enter on the work
With vigor fresh and new,
And through the Club-year study, strive—
The best that each can do.

We truly trust the coming year
To realize some good
From all the efforts, well combined,
Of our Club-sisterhood.

Help out your officers, my friends,
Help all, who fill a place
Upon the Club-staff of the State,
With gentle thought and grace.

Help your Committees in their work—
They need your constant aid;
For though their patient efforts know
Our progress much is made.

Help each the other in your Clubs,
Be each to each a friend,
And, through your meetings, loving let
Good-will with study blend.

May this Club-year fill every heart
With some grand, lofty aim,
And many goodly deeds be done,
In humanity's fair name!

JOSIE FRAZEE CAPPLEMAN,
President M. F. W. C.

IT is courteously requested that the various Clubs in the Federation fulfill their promise of sending in five (or more) subscriptions to the Official Organ, "The Keystone." A few of the Clubs have already discharged this obligation, and we know it is due only to forgetfulness that all have not done so. With the beginning of the Club year the members should supply themselves with the Official Organ, five subscriptions from one Club, \$2.00. Kindly send direct to the Editor of "The Keystone."

Miss Clara Walworth, Natches, is Chairman of Art and Music Committee, Mississippi Federation.

Okolona.

THE FORTNIGHTLY CLUB will begin work the first week in October. The Club this year will take up the study of "Current History and Modern Culture." The Program Committee is Mrs. J. N. Dulaney and Mrs. Chas. Day, the program for each month being arranged upon the arrival of a new number of the Magazine. The dates and hostess of each meeting are at the first of the season arranged for the whole year. The Club begins work with its full membership, meeting with Mrs. Nannie McIver Crunk.

THE LANIER CLUB (Okolona) held a business meeting recently for the purpose of electing officers, with the result as follows: Mrs. R. W. Chandler, President; Mrs. M. Mecklenburger, Vice-President; Mrs. Rice, Secretary and Treasurer. The Laniers will begin the regular Chautauqua course October 1st.

THE BOOK CLUB (Okolona) will begin its regular work on October 3d, having changed the day of meeting from Wednesday to Friday. The following new officers were elected: Mrs. H. L. Morrison, President; Mrs. Josie F. Cappleman, Vice-President; Mrs. R. R. Huntington, Secretary and Treasurer.

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB (Okolona) held its annual election of officers recently, with the result as follows: Miss Hallie Knox, President; Miss Mabel Hartley, Vice-President; Miss Matilee Buchanan, Recording Secretary; Mrs. A. D. Hall, Treasurer; Miss Estelle Buchanan, Corresponding Secretary.

The Twentieth Century members will continue the study of the Chautauqua Magazine Course and Text Books, with which they bespeak themselves as being particularly pleased.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB, Veronee, began its meetings in September. The Club is full of life and vim, and enters upon its labors with earnestness and interest. They have ordered the Official Organ and voted a generous amount toward the Free Scholarship fund. Mrs. T. M. Clark, President; Mrs. T. J. Seawright, Secretary. Such reports as the above are very encouraging.

FROM KOSCIUSKO, the Twentieth Century Club, we receive most favorable news. The new President, Miss Blanche Alexander, writes that they reorganized the middle of September, with the members as wide-awake and loyal and enthusiastic as ever, anticipating a pleasant winter's study and co-operation. The Club will have a "Floral Fair" about the first of November, which will be both novel and beautiful. Other Clubs might find this last feature an interesting one to adopt.

WE have most encouraging reports from the New Century Club, West Point. The President, Mrs. W. C. White, writes that Club-work began September 26, with full ranks and ardent enthusiasm from the whole of the membership—32. A fine program has been made out for the year, and great good in the way of material benefit to all is predicted. The New Century is one of the most Zealous Clubs in the Federation, taking an active interest in the State as well as local work.

THE FORTNIGHTLY MATINEE CLUB, Tupelo, has had a recent election of officers, Mrs. Van Kincaunon being the new President. The Club will renew work with a strong band of enthusiastic workers, who will accomplish great and good results the coming year. A fine program has been planned, but is not yet published.

PROGRESSIVE CLUB, (Natchez) which begins work November 1st, with the "Study of France from Charlemagne to Napoleon, with sketches of Medieval Italian Art." The Club has out a beautiful and most artistic Year Book, with program in full. The same officers will serve another year.

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Recording Secretary, Miss Margaret Gibson, Wilmington.
Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Claytor Candler, Winston-Salem.

Goldsboro.

THE Goldsboro Woman's Club was organized in April, 1899, by Mrs. R. R. Cotton and others, with a charter membership of sixty of Goldsboro's best women. Five departments of work were determined upon at the first regular meeting of the Club—"Village Improvement," "Domestic Science," "Mental Culture," "Child Study," "Music." Each department has a Chairman with two assistants and as many members as are interested in the special lines of work pursued by the department. Each Club member is required to belong to some department, the meetings of said departments are held independent of the General Club, making reports to the Club monthly, asking for and receiving co-operation from the General Club whenever desired.

There is a General Club treasury, the question of finance having been settled at the time of organization, charter members paying a membership fee of \$1. All becoming members thereafter are required to pay \$1 additional initiation fee. This and proceeds from entertainments, contributions, donations, etc., have been amply sufficient to carry on the work. We rent a comfortable Club room, employ a janitor, purchase wood and pay for electric lights, employ lecturers to speak on the several departments whenever advisable. Village Improvement Department have planted a number of trees about the City, have a Park Committee for the beautifying of the Park, employed Prof. Routzahn of the Civic Improvement League to lecture and hold a conference on the subject of Civic Improvement.

Through the efforts of this department the County Jail is to be enlarged and improved. Domestic Science Department meet monthly for the study of the relative value of foods and have issued a Cook Book, every receipt of which has been tested, the expense of publication was met by advertisements and individual work of members of the department. The Mental Culture Department have pursued the Chautauqua course of study with much pleasure, given a Book Reception, distributed numbers of magazines in the country. They also have thirteen Traveling Libraries of about 50 volumes each, which are placed in the districts where there is greatest dearth in reading matter. Child Study Department have had several lectures on Kindergarten Work, have a nucleus for a Kindergarten fund for establishing a free Kindergarten in the town, mothers' meetings are held in the factory district of the town. An effort is being constantly made by house to house visitation to arouse an interest in education. It was reported that in one single district where there were about 80 children of school age only 10 were in the public school. The Music Department have given several most enjoyable entertainments and expect to purchase a piano for the Club room at an early day.

The Club now has a paid membership of 73 members. The Club has united our women as nothing else has ever done. With one accord we would say to every town, have a Woman's Club, by all means. It not only brings blessings to the town, but to every woman engaged in the work. S. V. HALLOWELL.

NEW ORLEANS, La., opened its first vacation school this Summer. Classes were conducted in basketry, and beautiful raffia baskets were made, while in the chair-caning department 25 boys worked caning chairs for their own families. Cooking, sewing and carpentry were likewise taught, and the Kingsley House settlement, which planned the good work, expects to continue it on a larger scale next year.

NORTH CAROLINA is represented this year among the holders of resident fellowships at Bryn Mawr College by Miss Virginia Ragsdale, Jamestown, N. C. Miss Ragsdale holds the fellowship of Mathematics, which is worth \$525. This clever North Carolina girl holds the degree of Bachelor of Science from Guilford College, 1892, and has held a European scholarship each from Bryn Mawr and the Baltimore Association and has done graduated work at Bryn Mawr and at the University of Göttingen. Another Southern State is represented among the holders of these resident fellowships at Bryn Mawr in the person of Miss Willey Denis, New Orleans, La. Miss Denis holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Tulane University, 1899, and has done graduate work at Tulane and Bryn Mawr before she received the fellowship in chemistry this year at Bryn Mawr. It is interesting to note that both these Southern representatives have made a specialty in science, and this opens up another suggestion that Southern women of to-day are broadening out in their educational lines. In years gone by Southern women confined themselves almost entirely to the study of language and literature, and made few excursions into the fields of science or mathematics. A change in this direction promises much for the future of the higher education of women in the South.

IN North Carolina recently 211 school districts have been reduced to 123, and the work is just beginning. Educational rallies are being held all over the State, at which prominent speakers appear, and the people are turning out to the meetings as if a political rally or a campmeeting were on hand. The Society for the Improvement of School houses organized last spring now has 500 members, and so far as is known the only society ever formed in a denominational college for the purpose of improving the rural schools has been organized at Wake Forest and has a large membership.—*Southern Educational Notes.*

MISSISSIPPI'S State Department of Archives and History is already accomplishing valuable work. Director Rowland has discovered a copy of a petition filed by Herman Blennerhassett, and his son Dominick, for the remission of a penalty of \$800 imposed on them for assault and battery in Claiborne County about 1819. This petition is addressed to the Legislature, which however did not evidently grant it, since on the back of the accompanying bill purporting to carry the petition into effect there is the inscription "indefinitely postponed." Blennerhassett and all the mysterious charm connected with his fate is one of the most picturesque characters in American history, and one which must furnish much material for thought to the idealist and the poet of the future.

Director Rowland has also secured copies of the complete muster and pay rolls of the troops furnished by Mississippi to the Army of the Confederate States of America. It is estimated that it would have cost the State \$15,000 in cash to have secured copies of these documents from the War Department at Washington; and at the same time they make a complete record of the Confederate Military History of the State of Mississippi.

Signs of the Zodiac.

[LIBRA OR THE BALANCE, 20TH SEPT.-20TH OCTOBER.]

A Man born at this period will be of an honest, sober and upright disposition, faithful and just in his dealings, a great lover of truth and an enemy to quarrels and disturbances; in life he will be greatly respected, whatever his situation, rich or poor; if he arrives at honors and places of consequence, he will still retain a veneration for his old friends, protect them to the utmost of his power, and conduct himself with temper and moderation. He will make an affectionate husband and fond father.

A woman born at this time will be of a prudent and modest disposition, dignified in her manner, affable and agreeable in her conversation, generous in her temper; in life she will be very happy, and much respected and valued by her friends, She will make an obedient wife.

Book Reviews.

"HEARTS COURAGEOUS," by Hallie Ermine Rives, is welcomed as another historical novel by a Southern woman. The author has chosen Patrick Henry as her hero, and the pages are filled with familiar interviews with Washington, Jefferson, Lord Dunmore, and Lafayette. The period is that of those troublous times just before the American Revolution, and the book is full of romance and adventure, treachery and war, with a background of strong local coloring. There are really dramatic scenes in some chapters, and the characters are real human beings. Miss Rives is a genuine story teller, and will win many admirers through this bright, sparkling novel. She will add lustre to the already long list of Southern writers, and perhaps encourage some of her land to follow in her steps. The binding of this book is especially attractive, and the illustrations by A. B. Wenzel add considerably to its interest. (Cloth, \$1.50.) Bowen-Merrill Co., Indianapolis, Ind.

"ESTHER HILLS, HOUSEMAID," by Caroline Parsons, is an account of the experiences of a reduced gentlewoman, thrown on her own resources. "Esther" decides to earn her living by taking the position of housemaid, and her various trials with her different mistresses, and dreadful ordeals with other servants present many incidents which read like fiction. The author has assured us tho', that the whole book is true to life, and that every incident really happened. It presents the servant problem in a light that is difficult to understand by Southern women, whose methods are so different, being accustomed to negro servants. It has long been conceded that the Southern mistress is far more lenient to her servants than her Northern or Western sister. Then too, the servants in the South have more liberty, in that they so often live at their home with their families, coming to work every morning and going back home in the evening. There are many good suggestions in this volume for those Club-women who are living in the North and the West, and to our Southern Club-women it shows a new field in the Servant Problem. (Cloth, \$1.00.) The Abbey Press, New York City.

"APHORISMS AND REFLECTIONS," by Bishop J. L. Spalding, is a volume that all literary people want on their table. It is a collection of brief utterances, showing the author a great student and deep thinker. He deals with religion and culture, presenting no system or regular order of life—he wishes to suggest thought. As he says, "the thoughts that keep us company, like persons with whom we live influence us in secret ways." It has been likened to the world famous "meditations" of Marcus Aurelius, and can be heartily recommended to all lovers of such moralizing. (Cloth, 80 cents.) A. C. McClurg & Co., Chicago, Ill.

THE LOTHROP PUBLISHING CO. have just published one of the most delightful books of the season—"Tween You an' I," by Max O'Rell. This collection of essays is divided into two distinct parts "Concerning Men," and "Concerning Women," each filled with witty criticisms. The author's idea of Americans, ranking them in many things superior to the English, but never quite equal to the French, is always a source of great interest, and in this volume he entertains us with his ideas of life in general. "Cupidiana," the heading of the last two chapters, gives many caustic epigrams concerning love and matrimony, affording much food for thought and argument. (Cloth, \$1.20.) Lothrop Publishing Co., Boston, Mass.

MARION HARLAND'S new book, "In our County," will be heartily welcomed by all of her friends. It is a collection of short stories, told about the country of her childhood days—old Virginia. They are all good stories, well told, and each has a peculiar touch, showing the author's love for her former home, and although tales of long ago, they are full of reality. There is one fine ghost story among them, and one makes a strong plea against continued intermarriages in families. The illustrations taken from photographs of "our County" are really beautiful. (Cloth, \$1.50.) G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York City.

"THE PHILIPPINES," just published by The Outlook Co., contains two valuable papers, "The First Civil Governor," by Theodore Roosevelt, and "Civil Government in the Philippines," by William H. Taft, both of which appeared formerly in *The Outlook Magazine*. These articles written by men in authority, who are perfectly conversant with the subject in hand, will prove a valuable contribution to American history. The policy of the Administration is clearly set forth, and Governor Taft gives his own views as to the future of affairs in this new country. The book is handsomely printed by the DeVinne Press on fine paper, and is bound in red cloth, gold stamped. (Cloth \$1.00.) The Outlook Co., New York, 1902.

DOUBLEDAY, PAGE & CO. are about to issue a small volume of poems by Ellen Glasgow, author of "The Voice of the People" and "The Battleground," to be luxuriously printed by DeVinne. Miss Glasgow was a poet before she was a novelist; and the few of these poems that have appeared in *The Atlantic Monthly* and other magazines attracted unusual attention.

THOMAS DIXON, JR., whose novel "The Leopard's Spots" has reached a sale of over forty thousand in the past two months, will begin an extended lecture tour next month that will take him across the continent. Mr. Dixon is the owner of the steam yacht "Dixie," which lies in the harbor of "Elmington," his estate in Virginia.

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THE long looked for collection from the "Spectator" in *The Outlook* has just been published, and appears under the title of "Seen by the Spectator." A very wise choice has been made in the selection of these papers, and there are articles to please all tastes, from the spicy bits on the Virginia Springs, the really humorous chapter "Be not too Tidy" through the more serious paper on Berea College, Johns Hopkins and Oxford. The binding is in perfect taste, blue and white, and will attract any cultured eye, even before the contents are known. (\$1.00.) The Outlook Co., New York.

ONE of the most striking features of the September *Era Magazine* is the excellent poetry. Theodosia Garrison, Nathan Haskell Dole, Norman H. Pitman, S. Scott Stinson, Rupert R. Holland, and Charles Morris are represented. Two articles well worth reading are "Uncle Tom's Cabin in Kentucky," by Joseph M. Rogers, and "Newport Present and Past," by Mary Moss. "Marie Antoinette," by Henry Francis, and "Gabriel Tolleriver," by Joel Chandler Harris, are continued, and need no recommendation to those who have read the previous installments. "The Observer" and "Old World Themes" are as bright and attractive as usual, as may be said of the remainder of the regular features.

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[FREDERICK PALMER IN WORLD'S WORK.]

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THE INTERNATIONAL SUNSHINE SOCIETY.—Mrs. Cynthia Westoer Alden, the President-General of the International Sunshine Society, has kindly offered to send the "Keystone" "Sunshine" bulletins for the coming year, thus enabling the "Keystone" to furnish monthly "Sunshine" news to all readers of its pages who are interested in this Society.

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